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SUBJECT: VRACARIC CASE

REF: STATE 042489 AND PREVIOUS

1. ZAGREB DAILY VCERNJI LIST MAY 26 CARRIES STORY THAT THE DISTRICT COURT OF ZAGREB HAS INITIATED AN EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR LAZO VRACARIC SINCE "IT SEEMS THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT RECOGNIZE HIS CLAIM TO U.S. CITIZENSHIP." THE ARTICLE OBSERVES THAT THE YUGOSLAV LEGAL FRATERNITY AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS AWAITING "WITH GREAT INTEREST" THE OUTCOME OF THE EXTRADITION REQUEST WHICH, REPORTEDLY, HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE USG VIA THE YUGOSLAV FEDERAL SECRETARIAT OF JUSTICE AND OTHER ORGANS. VRACARIC ALLEGEDLY ABSCONDED WITH 555 MILLION NEW DINARS OF ENTERPRISE FUNDS WHICH HE REPORTEDLY USED TO FOUND NEW BUSINESSES IN "AMERICAN AND AFRICA."
2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST WE HAVE HEARD THAT VRACARIC'S CITIZENSHIP CLAIM WAS DENIED. IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE CORRESPONDENCE AND FORMAL EXCHANGES WITH THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING HIS CASE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE A STATUS REPORT.
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